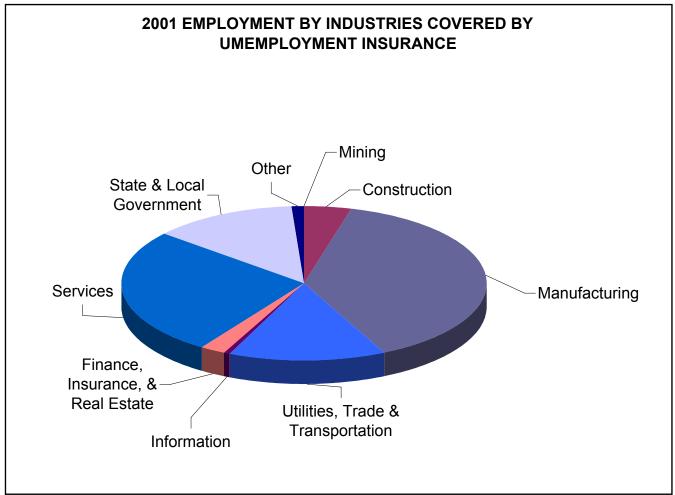
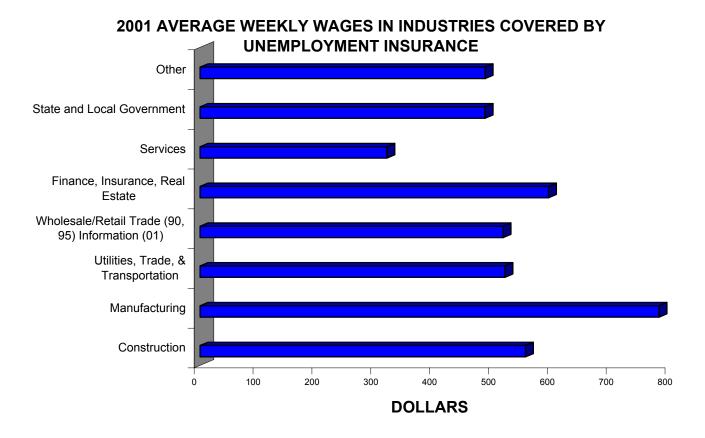
FIGURE 3-1
EMPLOYMENT TRENDS IN MERCER COUNTY 1990-2001



	YEAR			% CHANGE
INDUSTRY	1990	1995	2001	1990-2001
Mining	0	0	0	0.00%
Construction	212	332	296	39.62%
Manufacturing	1,983	2,630	2,678	35.05%
Utilities, Trade & Transportation	306	329	975	218.63%
Information	1,150	1,249	37	-96.78%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	137	130	157	14.60%
Services	857	950	1,856	116.57%
State & Local Government	629	775	874	38.95%
Other	162	124	83	-48.77%
TOTAL	5,448	6,534	6,972	27.97%

Source: 2000, 2002 Kentucky Deskbook of Economic Statistics, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

FIGURE 3-2
AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES IN MERCER COUNTY 1990-2001



		YEAR		% CHANGE
INDUSTRY	1990	1995	2001	1990-2001
Mining	*	*	*	*
Construction	306.84	396.76	552.93	80.20%
Manufacturing	434.99	604.97	779.91	79.29%
Utilities, Trade, & Transportation	542.68	674.97	518.05	-4.54%
Wholesale/Retail Trade (90, 95) Information (01)	182.88	229.03	514.92	181.56%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	369.93	424.22	592.00	60.03%
Services	228.43	284.68	317.48	38.98%
State and Local Government	356.12	400.62	484.33	36.00%
Other	173.88	288.19	484.49	178.63%
All industries	331.55	320.22	563.69	70.02%

Source: 2000, 2002 Kentucky Deskbook of Economic Statistics, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

TABLE 3-4
MERCER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION

YEAR	# OF FARMS	# OF FARM ACRES	HARVESTED CROPLAND
1982	1,209	145,660	39,661
1987	1,106	144,404	39,744
1992	1,085	133,173	36,717
1997	976	126,389	38,053

	ACRES			KY
2001 CROPS	HARVESTED	YIELD	PRODUCTION	RANK
CORN FOR GRAIN (BU)	1,300	122	158,600	65
SOYBEANS (BU)	1,000	47	47,000	68
WHEAT FOR GRAIN (BU)	1,100	50	55,000	40
GRAIN SORGHUM (BU)	*	*	*	*
BURLEY TOBACCO (LBS)	1,630	2,470	4,026,000	14
DK FIRED TOBACCO (LBS)	*	*	*	*
DK AIR TOBACCO (LBS)	*	*	*	*
ALFALFA HAY (TONS)	5,400	3.6	19,440	10
ALL OTHER HAY (TONS)	29,000	2.0	58,000	28
BARLEY FOR GRAIN (BU)	*	*	*	*

LIVESTOCK & MILK	NUMBER	KY RANK
JANUARY 1, 2002:		
ALL CATTLE & CALVES	35,000	23
JANUARY 1, 2002:		
BEEF COWS	13,600	30
2001 MILK PRODUCTION		
(000) lbs	23,900	25

2001 CASH RECIEPTS	DOLLARS	KY RANK	
CROPS	\$10,348,000	44	
LIVESTOCK	\$14,272,000	42	
TOTAL CASH RECIEPTS	\$24,620,000	47	

^{*} None or no estimate available

Source: 2001-2002 Kentucky Agricultural Statistics, Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service. December 2002